Learn English: The Justice System with Second and Third Conditionals

Student Writing Practice

Write about a famous crime you have heard about. Was there a trial? If you were the judge, what would you have done?

Write eight to ten sentences. Use the past perfect tense and conditional sentences.

Example:
A famous crime I have heard about is the theft of the Mona Lisa from the Louvre Museum in Paris, France. Now, the Mona Lisa is one of the most famous paintings in the world, but it hadn't been before the theft. In August 1911, the painting disappeared from the Louvre. By the time anyone noticed it was missing, almost a month had passed. The man that stole the painting was Vicenzo Peruggia, an Italian who had worked for the museum. He had hidden in the Louvre and stole the artwork when the museum was closed. During the trial, Peruggia said he had stolen the painting because he wanted to return it to Italy. A judge decided Peruggia was guilty, and his punishment was seven months in prison. If I had been the judge for this case, I would have given Peruggia two years of jail time - the same amount of time he had kept the Mona Lisa hidden in his apartment.

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